

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicants:	Craig D. Johnson et al.	§	Art Unit:	3679
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Serial No.:	10/708,517	§	Conf. No.:	2516
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Filed:	March 9, 2004	§	Examiner:	Aaron M. Dunwoody
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Title:	JOINING TUBULAR	§	Docket No.	68.0322US
	MEMBERS	§		(SHL.0238US)

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 6, 2010

Dear Sir:

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.